

LEGAL NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT  
USDA-FOREST SERVICE, SUPERIOR NATIONAL FOREST,  
COOK COUNTY, MINNESOTA;  
COOK COUNTY LAND EXCHANGE

The Environmental Assessment for the Cook County Land Exchange Project has been prepared and is available upon request at the Forest Supervisors Office at 8901 Grand Ave. Place, Duluth, MN 55808. It is also available on the Superior National Forest website:

[www.fs.usda.gov/goto/superior/projects](http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/superior/projects). Additional information regarding this project can be obtained from Christy Iozzo, Project Team Leader, at (218) 663-8080. The purpose of the project is to conduct a land exchange with Cook County where the federal government would acquire approximately 1,910 acres of Cook County owned lands in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. In exchange, the federal government would convey ownership of up to 1,580 acres of federal lands located throughout Cook County.

The project is an activity implementing a land management plan and not authorized under the HFRA; therefore the project is subject to Forest Service regulations at 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. Only individuals or organizations who submit timely and specific written comments regarding the proposed project during the comment period on this EA are eligible to file an objection to the decision on the project. The opportunity to comment on the EA ends 30 days following the date of publication of this legal notice in the Duluth News Tribune. Comments submitted by individuals or organizations must meet the following requirements outlined in 36 CFR 218.25(a)(3) to have standing to object:

- Name and postal address (Email recommended but not required)
- Title of the proposed project
- Specific written comments as defined in 36 CFR 218.2 regarding the proposed project, along with supporting reasons
- Signature or other verification of identity upon request and identification of the individual or entity who authored the comments. For comments listing multiple entities or multiple individuals, a signature or other means of verification must be provided for the individual

authorized to represent each entity and for each individual in the case of multiple names. A scanned signature or other means of verifying the identity of the individual or entity representative may be used for electronically submitted comments.

- Individual members of an entity must submit their own comments to establish personal eligibility; comments received on behalf of an entity are considered as those of the entity only.

The Responsible Official for the project is Brenda Halter, Superior National Forest Supervisor.

Comments may be submitted to the Responsible Official via the following methods:

- Written comments to: Brenda Halter, Forest Supervisor, Subject: Cook County Land Exchange, Superior National Forest, P.O. Box 2159, Tofte, MN.
- Oral comments must be provided during normal business hours via telephone. Christy Iozzo is the project contact and can be reached at (218) 663-8080.
- Send faxed comments to: Forest Supervisor, Subject: Cook County Land Exchange Project, (218) 663-8095.
- Send electronic mail comments to: [comments-eastern-superior-tofte@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-eastern-superior-tofte@fs.fed.us), Subject: Cook County Land Exchange. Acceptable formats for electronic comments are: text (.txt), MSWord 6.0 or higher (.doc), portable document format (.pdf), or rich text format (.rtf).

All comments will become part of the official record and as such, may be made available for public examination.